



Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands
Realty Specialist (Special Uses/Lands)
GS-1170-07/09/11
Duty Station: Chadron, NE



Outreach and Announcement:

The Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands will soon be advertising a permanent full time Realty Specialist position. This will be a career ladder opportunity, GS-1170-07/09/11.

Interested applicants may reply to this outreach by emailing jjohndreau@fs.fed.us. The forthcoming vacancy announcement is expected mid-October on usajobs.gov. USFS vacancy announcements are typically only open for a few days. This outreach announcement serves to alert potential candidates to the upcoming opportunity. Interested candidates should prepare a resume and gather necessary documentation ahead of the vacancy announcement.

The Position:

We are looking for someone with excellent professional communication skills who values public service and the USFS mission. The position works directly for the Recreation, Lands, Heritage, and Minerals Program Manager. At full performance level (GS-11) the incumbent directly supervises one GS-1170-05/07 Realty Specialist. Please note that this is a career ladder position, meaning it will be filled at either the GS-07 or GS-09 level with full promotion potential to GS-11. The intent is to provide training and career advancement to the selected individual. At full performance level, duties will include:

Major Duties:

- Administers special use authorizations for a variety of activities including linear right-of-way, electric power lines, gas pipelines, outfitter/guides, research, film, recreation events, communication uses, etc. Provides training and guidance to special uses staff.
- Serves as a specialist and technical authority on all phases of land ownership adjustments and recreation/non-recreation special use program administration.
- Develops overall direction of lands program in cooperation with NNFG management, district staff, and partners.
- Leads the planning and implementation of land exchanges and encroachment resolutions.
- Uses knowledge of land transaction laws and negotiation skills to assist in resolving disputes, encroachments, right-of-way acquisitions, boundary issues, and land conveyances.

Nebraska National Forests and Grassland Information:

Quick Forest Facts:

- Responsible for the management and sustainability of the Bessey Nursery, the Nation's oldest Federal Nursery and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Home to the largest hand-planted forest in the western hemisphere, second only to Johannesburg South Africa.
- Internationally known Hudson-Meng Research and Education Center encompasses the largest extinct bison bonebed in the world; and Toadstool Geological Park and the National Grasslands Visitor Center
- A diverse wildlife program with numerous partnership agreements for habitat improvement that support species like the Black Footed Ferret, Burrowing Owl, and Black Tailed Prairie Dog.
- Significant populations of huntable and viewable wildlife such as wild turkey, mule and white-tailed deer, and elk
- An aggressive forest and grassland health program, with wild land/urban interface.
- Soldier Creek Wilderness, two proposed Grasslands Wilderness Areas and Pine Ridge National Recreation Area
- Developed campgrounds and over 100 miles of hiking trails
- Over 300 grazing allotments, 60 direct permittees, and seven grazing associations



The Nebraska National Forest and Grasslands encompasses over 1.1 million acres of land in both Nebraska and South Dakota and encompasses five Ranger Districts and one Nursery. The Pine Ridge Ranger District includes the Nebraska National Forest and Oglala National Grassland in the northwest corner of Nebraska. The Bessey Ranger District includes a portion of the Nebraska National Forest in west-central Nebraska and the McKelvie National Forest in north-central Nebraska. The Bessey Nursery is co-located with the Bessey Ranger District at Halsey, Nebraska. The Fall River Ranger District and Wall Ranger District share management of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland across

southwestern South Dakota. The Ft. Pierre National Grassland is managed by the Ft. Pierre Ranger District and is situated in south-central South Dakota.

The Nebraska units have approximately 85 permanent employees and approximately 35 temporary employees. The Supervisor's Office located in Chadron Nebraska and is staffed with approximately 35 employees and is co-located with the Pine Ridge Ranger District. The Pine Ridge Job Corps Center is located 10 miles south of Chadron, Nebraska and is a close partner with the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands.

More information regarding the Forest is available through the internet at: www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska

Duty Station Information for Chadron Nebraska:

Chadron, Nebraska is a full-service community of approximately 6,000 and is located in the northwest part of the state. The Pine Ridge area of Nebraska provides a wide range of recreation opportunities. Hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, horseback riding, wildlife watching and a variety of other outdoor activities are available in the immediate vicinity. Downhill skiing is within 2-1/2 hour drive in the Black Hills and world class skiing is within 400 miles in Colorado.

Chadron is the county seat of Dawes County and is located 100 miles south of Rapid City, South Dakota; 300 miles northeast of Denver, Colorado; and 450 miles northwest of Omaha, Nebraska. Chadron's elevation is 3,365 feet above sea level. Basic economic activities of Chadron include education, retail and wholesale sales, farming, ranching, transportation and tourism.

The community of Chadron offers a hospital (with plans for a new one currently under development), a medical clinic with 5 doctors, a nursing home, 19 churches, public library, 3 banks, a theater, 2 senior citizen centers, 4 dentists, swimming pool, tennis courts, several city parks, a golf course, baseball and softball fields, soccer fields, youth programs, an outstanding volunteer fire department/ volunteer emergency medical technicians, an airport with daily commercial flights to Denver, police department, sheriff's department, county and city offices, as well as a thriving retail business community.



Chadron is also the home of Chadron State College. Chadron State College has an annual enrollment of approximately 3000 students and it employs approximately 260 individuals. The College offers both bachelor and master degree programs and is well known for its education (teaching) program. Chadron State College has a very impressive Physical Activity Center, which has an indoor track, weight facilities and racquetball courts and pool that are open to the general public through a membership program.

Chadron has an excellent school system. There are two elementary schools, which house students in grades K-4. Elementary classes average 23-25 students per classroom. Total elementary enrollment is approximately 450 students. The Middle School houses students in grades 5-8 with an average enrollment of 320 students and the High School (grades 9-12) also has an average enrollment of 320 students. Special education classes are provided at all education levels. Chadron is a great place to raise a family.

Chadron has available housing for both rental and purchase. Average rental prices range from \$300 to \$600 per month and average purchase prices range \$70,000-\$150,000. Rental availability can be difficult when Chadron State College is in session.

More information regarding the community is available through the Internet at www.chadron.com.